

# What's New in the MPDC

MARCH 18, 2002

## MPDC BEGINS SECOND ANNUAL TELEPHONE SURVEY OF CRIME VICTIMS \*\*\*\*\*

For the second time in two years, the MPDC is conducting a telephone survey of recent crime victims in DC to measure their satisfaction with police services. The citywide survey began March 14, and is expected to last approximately three weeks. Telephone calls will be made during daytime and evening hours, and on Saturdays, by MPDC recruit officers who have received special training in administering the victim questionnaire. A stratified sample of approximately 1,000 recent victims of robbery, assault, burglary, auto theft

*For more information about the services offered to crime victims in DC, including the Crime Victims Bill of Rights and the Crime Victims Compensation Program, go to:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/victims/victims.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/victims/victims.shtm)**

and arson will be contacted over the next three weeks; this year's survey will also include recent victims of domestic violence. All responses will be kept confidential. Survey data will be analyzed by the MPDC and used as the basis for future enhancements to policies, procedures and training on the police response to crime victims. For more information about the victim survey, call Debra Hoffmaster at 202-727-8726 or visit:

**[mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov) (Click on News Room)**

*The MPDC's first victim survey, conducted last February, found that while a large majority of victims were satisfied with the initial police response, most victims wanted better follow-up services from the MPDC. View the 2001 survey results (in PDF) at:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/news/pubs/pdf/VictimSurvey\\_02.pdf](http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/pubs/pdf/VictimSurvey_02.pdf)**

## MAYOR WILLIAMS, CHIEF RAMSEY SWEAR IN NEW CLASS OF RESERVE OFFICERS \*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Williams joined Chief Ramsey on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in swearing in the first group of MPDC Reserve officers recruited under the newly re-structured Reserve Corps program. Prior to being sworn in, the 16 Reserve Officers, 5<sup>th</sup> Class completed 20 hours of training in MPDC organization, Policing for Prevention, introduction to DC Code, traffic control and customer service, among other topics. The new Reserves now commit to at least four hours per week of volunteer service, performing a variety of administrative and customer service functions. The newly redesigned Reserve Corps program includes five different classes of Reserve officers, with increasing responsibility and training for each subsequent class. Dating back half a century, the Reserve Corps is a volunteer program providing qualified individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPDC in carrying out its policing responsibilities. The MPDC is actively recruiting volunteers for the Reserve Corps who want to make a public safety contribution to their communities. Learn more about the requirements and opportunities associated with the Reserve Corps at:

*For a breakdown of the duties, training and time commitments of each of the five classes of Reserve officers, click on:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services\\_PRC\\_duties.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services_PRC_duties.shtm)**

**[http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services\\_PRC.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services_PRC.shtm)**

## STREET CLEANING BEGINS MARCH 18 \*\*\*\*\*

The familiar, orange street sweepers are coming out of hibernation to resume scheduled street cleaning operations beginning on Monday, March 18. Parking restrictions during street sweeping hours will be in effect, with \$20 parking citations issued to violators. Details at:

**[dpw.dc.gov/news/2002/mar/sweep\\_back.shtml](http://dpw.dc.gov/news/2002/mar/sweep_back.shtml)**

## CHIEF RAMSEY RECOGNIZED BY PFLAG

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In recognition of his leadership in promoting tolerance and understanding, as well as stronger partnerships between the MPDC and DC's gay and lesbian communities, Chief Ramsey is one of this year's honorees by PFLAG of DC (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of the Metropolitan Washington DC Area). The Chief was presented with an award during the group's annual Honors Gala on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Ramsey is being recognized for creating and actively supporting the Department's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit. The MPDC is one of only a handful of police departments in the country with a unit dedicated to addressing the public safety needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning communities. PFLAG is also honoring Ramsey's leadership in promoting understanding and tolerance through policies, training, community outreach and hate crime enforcement efforts. For information about PFLAG of DC and its Honors Gala 2002, click on:

[www.pflagdc.org/support/gala.php](http://www.pflagdc.org/support/gala.php)

*The MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit works to promote public safety in the GLBTQ communities and to bring all individuals and organizations into the community policing partnership. Learn more about the unit, including contact information, at:*

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/units/gllu.shtm>

## MPDC RELEASES TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT

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Over the past four years, Chief Ramsey has made training a top priority for the MPDC. Recent reforms include a mandatory, 40-hour annual in-service training program for all sworn officers, expanded firearms and use-of-force training, a formal program of daily roll-call training, and improvements in both recruit officers' curricula and the specialized training offered to MPDC officers, civilians and leaders. Now, the MPDC's Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science has published an annual report detailing recent activities, trends and accomplishments of the Department's Training Academy. The report documents a range of initiatives, including new training for federal officers covered by Police Coordination Act agreements, development of the Police Cadet training program, and enhanced promotional training. To request a copy of the annual report, call the Academy at 202-645-0074, or view it online (in PDF) at:

[mpdc.dc.gov/news/pubs/pdf/IPS\\_annual02.pdf](http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/pubs/pdf/IPS_annual02.pdf)

*In addition to training its own members, the MPDC has initiated a program to train residents in the fundamentals of community policing and problem solving. "Partnerships for Problem Solving" training has begun on all 83 Police Service Areas. To learn more about PPS, call 202-727-1585, or go on-line to:*

[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/ppsfactsheet.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/ppsfactsheet.shtm)

## BOATING SAFETY COURSES OFFERED

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As the weather warms up, the MPDC's Harbor Patrol reminds DC area boaters of the importance of boating safety laws and procedures. Beginning next week, the Harbor Patrol will hold Boating Safety Courses designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on DC waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate, which is issued to individuals who successfully complete the four-day Boating Safety Course. For a complete schedule of Boating Safety Courses, or to register, call the Harbor Patrol at 202-727-4582, or go on the MPDC Web site at:

[mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborclasses\\_02.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborclasses_02.shtm)

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*Information, ideas or comments about this service?*

*E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kmorison\\_mpdc@excite.com](mailto:kmorison_mpdc@excite.com).*

*Would you like to have this information emailed to you? Just go to our web site and register with [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com).*

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